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FDA Commissioner
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5630 Fischers Lane, Room 1061
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today to express my strong disapproval of the proposed federal regulations around Genetically Engineered foods and crops. The proposed policies do not protect the health of American citizens and fail to acknowledge the overwhelming public support for stronger regulation of these products. These products should not be pushed on the American public without our consent and without our knowledge. Any such product should be clearly labeled as such, so we can make our own choice if we want to purchase and then ingest a substance like that. We should have the freedom to make our own decisions around use of these products, which means that we want to know when a product has been genetically engineered or if it includes ingredients that have been genetically engineered.

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We want labeling to be made mandatory, and we want more safety testing to be performed on Genetically Engineered foods and crops.

Please institute a moratorium on the planting and sale of all GE food products until rigorous, INDEPENDENT, pre-market safety testing has established, with a doubt, their safety to the American citizens.

Thank you,

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